

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, November 12, 2013  
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers

**Minutes**

**Present:** J. Armstrong, N. Carone, J. Coite, M. Hart, E. Paterson, H. Rhynhart (*for O'Connor*), M. Sargent, N. Silander, W. Wendt

**Staff:** M. Capriola (*Town*), Cynthia van Zelm (*MDP*)

**1. Call To Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm. The two new student members (Carone, Sargent) were introduced. Coite is replacing Miller as the designee from the Office of Environmental Policy. Rhynhart will attend meetings on behalf of Chief O'Connor.

**2. Meeting Minutes**

Silander made the motion, seconded by Armstrong to adopt the October 8, 2013 meeting minutes. One correction was noted and made. The minutes as revised were approved with those present voting in favor with the exception of two abstentions (Carone, Sargent).

**3. Updates:**

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership:* van Zelm provided a Storrs Center commercial leasing update. An update on the Town Square construction was also provided. A winter holiday event has been scheduled for the afternoon of December 14<sup>th</sup> in Storrs Center.

b. *MCCP:* Armstrong provided an update. Off-campus activity has slowed post-Halloween. Armstrong's Office continues to work with Community Standards at UCONN in addressing negative off-campus behaviors. The off-campus housing fair will be held in November.

**4. UCONN Education Efforts – Community Expectations**

This item was tabled to a future agenda.

**5. Committee Membership**

The Committee reviewed the revised draft MOA. The phrase "his/her designee" was added to the MOA for representation from UCONN's Director of Planning and Chief of Police. Silander made the motion, seconded by Armstrong to approve and recommend the MOA regarding Town-University Committee membership and purpose. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. 2014 Regular Meeting Schedule**

Hart made the motion, seconded by Silander, to adopt the 2014 regular meeting schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. Other Business Announcements**

An update on the regional council of government consolidation process was provided.

An overview of the corridor study being conducted by the Capitol Region Council of Governments was provided. The study will assess main transportation systems to the University and recommend improvements.

A USG update was identified as an agenda item for December.

## **8. Communications**

Hart provided an overview of his letter to the University re: Next Generation Connecticut Initiative. The Town is seeking: formal representation in the University's planning process; a study that will identify the impact on municipal services as a result of the Initiative; support from the University in obtaining state funding for Mansfield to defray the municipal costs associated with the growth. President Herbst's initial response was positive.

## **9. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee**

None.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maria E. Capriola, M.P.A.  
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